

**Town of Henderson
12105 Town Barn Rd.
Henderson, NY 13650
Public Hearing/Town Board Meeting
October 14, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Henderson, County of Jefferson and the State of New York was held at 12105 Town Barn Rd, at 4:00PM, on the 14th day of October 2025.

PRESENT:	Karen Richmond	---	Supervisor
	Matthew Owen	---	Councilperson
	Torre Parker Lane	---	Councilperson
	Lindsay Witmer	---	Councilperson
	Wendy Flagg	---	Town Clerk
ABSENT:	David Poulin	---	Councilperson

Town Board meeting opened at 6:00PM with Supervisor Richmond leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

On a motion of Councilperson Parker Lane, second by Councilperson Owen following motion was

ADOPTED	Ayes 4	Richmond, Owen, Parker Lane, Witmer
	Nays	

Motion to open Public Hearing for proposed 2026 Budget at 6:02 PM

Public Comments: Ginger Cook – Bookkeeper RFP/ Board did not give enough input on budget/ No raises

MOTION

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

On a motion of Councilperson Parker Lane, second by Councilperson Witmer following motion was

ADOPTED	Ayes 4	Richmond, Owen, Parker Lane, Witmer
	Nays	

Motion to close Public Hearing for 2026 proposed Budget

MOTION

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #7 OVERRIDE TAX CAP

On a motion of Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Parker Lane following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker Lane, Witmer
 Nays

Motion to open Public Hearing for Local Law #7 to Override Tax Cap at 6:06PM

Public Comments: Ginger Cook – does not agree with

MOTION

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #7 OVERRIDE TAX CAP

On a motion of Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Parker Lane following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker Lane, Witmer
 Nays

Motion to close Public Hearing for Local Law #7 to Override Tax Cap

RESOLUTION # 2025-10-14-055

ENACT A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE TAX CAP

On a motion of Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Parker Lane following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker Lane, Witmer
 Nays

Board Resolves the Following:

**ENACT A LOCAL LAW TO
OVERRIDE TAX CAP**

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Henderson, New York has devoted considerable time and attention to budgetary issues for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board intends to adopt legislation to provide greater financial flexibility during budget deliberation, if needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board for the Town of Henderson, New York as follows:

1. The forgoing recitation is incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth hereafter.
2. The Town Board hereby enacts the Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit as being in the best interests of the Town of Henderson.
3. The Supervisor for the Town of Henderson and the Town Clerk for the Town of Henderson, their respective agents and employees are authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to enact this legislation.
4. This Legislation shall be filed with the New York State Department of State.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWN OF HENDERSON

LOCAL LAW NO. 7 FOR 20245

A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT
ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Henderson as follows:

Section 1. **Legislative Intent:** It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Henderson pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Henderson to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning **January 1, 2026** and ending **December 31, 2026** that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. **Authority:** This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax limit by adoption of a local law approved by a vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override: The Town Board of the Town of Henderson, County of Jefferson is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, individual, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudicated by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Regular Meeting begins at 6:12PM as opened by Supervisor Richmond

Old Business Public Comments: Ginger Cook more funds to Rhode Center

MOTION

AUDIT OF CLAIM

On a motion by Councilperson Owen, seconded by Councilperson Parker Lane, the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker- Lane, Witmer
 Nays 0

Motion to authorize payment of abstract #9P includes voucher 25-00622 for a total amount of \$16,444.71.

Summary by Payable Account

<u>Payable Acct</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Highway	\$ 16,444.71

MOTION

AUDIT OF CLAIM

On a motion by Councilperson Owen, seconded by Councilperson Parker Lane, the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker- Lane, Witmer

Nays 0

Motion to authorize payment of abstract #10 includes vouchers 25-00623 – 25-00679 for a total amount of \$101,335.34.

Summary by Payable Account

<u>Payable Acct</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
General	\$ 46,004.20
Highway	\$ 31,296.26
Water Dist. 1	\$ 10,469.93
Water Dist. 2	\$ 10,469.88
Special Lighting Dist.	\$ 38.45
Trust & Agency	\$ 1,066.12
Sewer Capital Fund	\$ 1,990.50

MOTION

SUPERVISOR REPORT

On a motion by Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Parker Lane the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker- Lane, Witmer
 Nays 0

Motion to accept September Supervisor's report as presented by Supervisor Richmond.

Town Board members were provided with a copy of the monthly revenues and appropriations report.

Monthly report presented by Highway Dept.

Todd Metcalfe from General Code presented a codification program to Town Board to update and keep Town current with all local and state codes.

B & L Engineers update Board on review of Sewer Dist. 1

MOTION

INTERNAL AUDIT OF TOWN

On a motion by Councilperson Witmer, second by Councilperson Parker Lane the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker- Lane, Witmer
 Nays 0

Motion to approve the internal audit of the Town performed by Bowers.

MOTION

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Parker Lane the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker- Lane, Witmer
 Nays 0

Motion to accept the following appointments:

Serena Beach as Sole Assessor for the Town of Henderson for a 6 year term beginning October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2031. Rate of pay will be the prorated of Assessor salary for 2025. Annual rate of \$27,950.00 to begin January 1, 2026.

Kenneth Vance as Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Henderson for a 2 year term beginning October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027. Rate of pay will be prorated of Enforcement Officer salary for 2025. Annual rate of \$15,000.00 to begin January 1, 2026

Jenna Ellinger as Clerk to the Town Board at an annual salary of \$6,000.00 for 2026.

Mary Cornell as ZBA and Planning Board Clerk for the Town of Henderson. Rate of pay will be the prorate of ZBA and Planning Board clerk salary for 2025. Annual rate of \$5,550.00 to begin January 1, 2026.

MOTION

MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS AGREEMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Witmer, second by Councilperson Owen the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker- Lane, Witmer
 Nays 0

Motion to allow Supervisor Richmond to enter into agreement with Municipal Solutions to proceed with the Ban Bond Renewal Process for Sewer District #1.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ginger Cook – no agenda on website

MOTION

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Parker Lane following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker Lane, Witmer
 Nays

Motion to enter into Executive session to discuss current litigation against the Town of Henderson.

MOTION

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Councilperson Parker Lane, second by Councilperson Owen following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Richmond, Owen, Parker Lane, Witmer
 Nays

Motion to exit Executive Session.

Meeting to adjourn by Councilperson Parker Lane second by Councilperson Owen the meeting was adjourned. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Flagg / Town Clerk/Collector

All Town meetings held at
12105 Town Barn Rd., Henderson, NY 13650

Oct 15	(Wednesday)	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	6:00PM
Oct 16	(Thursday)	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:00PM
Nov 04	(Tuesday)	ELECTION DAY TOWN OFFICIES CLOSED VOTING 6AM – 9PM	
Nov 05	(Wednesday)	Planning Board Meeting	5:00PM
Nov 11	(Tuesday)	Veterans Day Town Offices Closed	
Nov 12	(Wednesday)	Town Board Meeting	6:00PM
Nov 19	(Wednesday)	Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing	6:00PM
Nov 20	(Thursday)	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:00PM
Nov 26	(Wednesday)	Town Offices Closing at NOON	
Nov 27	(Thursday)	HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!!!!	